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Using humor and examples from real-life experience, the book provides advice and information in question-and-answer form for women regarding all aspects of work life in higher education. Chapters cover: graduate school as a rite of passage, and discussions of the demands of graduate study and the commitments required; strategies for finding and selecting the first academic job and the marketability of dissertation topics; the importance of conference attendance and successful conference behavior strategies; how to survive the first year on the job; the role of publication and strategies for grant competition; classroom management and other aspects of teaching, including problems of sexism in the classroom; handling the problems of being female in a male-dominated academic culture and other cultural conflicts; practical advice on nonacademic issues from mentoring, to plagiarism, to proper dress; building a tenure portfolio and the politics of the tenure process, acceptable behavior after gaining tenure; and, finally, retirement and the emeritus status. (Contains 130 references.) (JLS)

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